

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Processed Foods - 16577

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in  
Processed Foods - 16577

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

16577

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/08/2015

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/08/2019

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Section 135(c)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974,  
as amended.

### 13. Effective Date

03/27/1975

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this  
Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 14 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 14 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Ag Trade Call	10/31/2017	10/31/2017
Ag Trade Call	12/05/2017	12/05/2017
Committee Deliberation	12/09/2017	12/09/2017
Committee Deliberation	12/16/2017	12/16/2017
The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is the China Renegotiation Overview.	01/10/2018	01/10/2018
The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is the NAFTA Renegotiation Overview.	03/07/2018	03/07/2018
The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting are KORUS Overview, China Tariffs, and Other issues affecting Trade in Processed Foods.	05/01/2018	05/01/2018
The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is China.	06/05/2018	06/05/2018
The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is the FY 2019 Refined Sugar and Sugar Containing Products TRQ allocations: Specifically, the Administration seeks committee advice on allocation options for the Sugar and Sugar Containing Products TRQ allocation for FY2019.	08/08/2018	08/08/2018
The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is the Negotiations with Canada and agreement with Mexico relative to NAFTA	08/24/2018	08/24/2018

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The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is NAFTA. 08/27/2018 - 08/27/2018

The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting are mitigations. 08/28/2018 - 08/28/2018

The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is the NAFTA Renegotiation Overview. 09/17/2018 - 09/17/2018

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 14**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$14,750.00	\$20,000.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$600.00	\$2,000.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$15,350.00	\$22,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.35	0.40

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture on trade and other economic issues that affect U.S. agriculture. In recent years, the Administration has consulted the Committee frequently on trade issues such as WTO negotiations, as well as the evaluation of benefits from existing FTAs with Canada, Mexico and Korea. The Administration relied heavily on the Committee's guidance on many aspects of the formulation of trade strategies, proposals, and agreements. The Committee accomplishes its purpose by reviewing sensitive materials provided by USTR/USDA and providing feedback to the principal parties either through written or electronic communications. Members also attend face-to face meetings with the Secretary of Agriculture and USTR in attendance. Advisors are required to hold a Secret Clearance. The minutes from the meetings are not available due to an exemption granted within the Trade Act of 1974.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Members are selected from producers, processors, traders, manufacturers, and consumer representatives that are either self-nominated, or recommended by an organization for membership. Also, special emphasis has been placed on soliciting nominations from traditionally underrepresented groups.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee meets as needed to provide advice and counsel to the Administration on significant and timely agricultural trade matters. This Committee meets approximately twice a year. Conference calls are also a method used to hold ad hoc meetings.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Meetings are conducted so that U.S. trade negotiators can use the meetings to discuss and seek private sector advice regarding sensitive trade policy matters, the disclosure of which could seriously compromise the U.S. Government's development of policy priorities, negotiating objectives, and bargaining positions. Members must obtain a confidential security clearance so that government-classified documents can be discussed. Thus, meetings are closed to the public. Given the nature of these discussions, no other setting can be used to seek such advice without compromising U.S. trade policy.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Section 135(g) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)) protects certain communications between and among committee members and appropriate Federal government officials in connection with trade matters, more specifically, trade negotiations, the operation of an existing trade agreement, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of U.S. trade policy.

**21. Remarks**

The meetings for this committee are typically closed to the public.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Kelly Strzelecki Processed Foods DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Robert	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Sustainable Strategies	Representative Member
Bauer, Robert	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	(non-profit) Association of Food Industries	Representative Member
Blunt, Abigail	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	Kraft Heinz Company	Representative Member
Chaudry, Muhammad	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America	Representative Member
Davis, George	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Porter Creek Vineyards	Representative Member
Gellert, Thomas	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Cheese Importers Association	Representative Member
Gilbert, Barbara	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW)	Representative Member
Gonzalez, Carlos	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.	Representative Member
Grappin, Ann	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	American Potato Trade Alliance	Representative Member

Grove, Jason	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	Food Export Association of the Midwest USA/Food Export	Representative Member
Gummalla, Sanjay	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	American Frozen Foods Institute	Representative Member
Hamilton, Timothy	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	(non-profit) Food Export Association of the Midwest U.S.A.	Representative Member
Hill, Elizabeth	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Ocean Spray, Inc.	Representative Member
Horan, Karen	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	National Confectioners Association	Representative Member
Houlding, Kimberly	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	American Olive Oil Producers Association	Representative Member
Jack, Maia	06/15/2014	04/10/2018	American Beverage Association	Representative Member
Johnston, Kelly	10/16/2017	10/25/2018	Campbell Soup company	Representative Member
Kemp, Tonya	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	Amway	Representative Member
LaFaille, Tom	06/10/2015	09/18/2018	Wine Institute	Representative Member
LoCascio, Christine	10/16/2015	10/16/2019	Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	Representative Member
McCaleb, David	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Brewers Association	Representative Member
McDermid (Acting Chair), John	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	PepsiCo.	Representative Member
McFarland, Billy	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Musco Family Olive Company	Representative Member
Price, Autumn	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Land O' Lakes, Inc.	Representative Member
San Miguel, Melissa	06/10/2015	01/28/2019	Grocery Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Scheifer, Paul	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Amy's Kitchen	Representative Member
Shea, Kelly	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	The White Wave Foods Company	Representative Member
Tanner, Ronald	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	(non-profit) National Association for the Specialty Food Trade	Representative Member
Taylor, Sue	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Leprino Foods, Inc.	Representative Member
Thornton, Peter	06/10/2015	06/10/2019	North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Representative Member
Wilen, Seth	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	American Trading International Inc.	Representative Member
Williams, Leonard	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University	Representative Member
Wiltz, Bernadette	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 33**

### **Narrative Description**

The Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Processed Foods (Processed Foods ATAC) supports USDA's international trade functions by providing technical advice to the

U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture on trade issues that affect U.S. agriculture.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

N/A

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

N/A

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

14

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The number of recommendations varies from year-to-year. Historically, the Agency has

misunderstood the use of this field and therefore, the total number of recommendations noted above for the life of this Committee is underreported. Efforts are underway to search historical records to be able to amend this section in the future to include the total number of recommendations produced since inception. For FY 18, The Processed Foods ATAC committee proposed no resolution however put forth 2 recommendations and letters. For FY 2018, the Processed Foods Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee issued 1 resolution.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Implementation does not necessarily apply to a number of the recommendations. The committee provides formal recommendations in the form of resolutions, but the committee provides numerous recommendations orally at meetings. The recommendations in all cases are fully considered by USTR and USDA negotiators in the course of pursuing free trade agreements and resolving trade disputes.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

See above.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Through frequent conference calls jointly held with USTR, and during committee meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



Reallocated resources



- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Proposed legislation              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Action Comments**

N/A

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Access Comments**

N/A